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In re Application of:)
Neil PORTER et al.)
Application No.: 09/890,855) Group Art Unit: 1744
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2003 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. The period for reply having been extended for two months by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, this reply is due by March 8, 2004, and is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.